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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, AO

SUBJECT: INCREASED SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA

1. REQUEST YOU MAKE FOLLOWING AVAILABLE TO RACHELE IN
MFA FOR ANY COMMENTS HE MAY HAVE AND IN INTEREST OF MAKING
MORE OF A TWO-WAY DIALOGUE OUT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
MFA ON ANGOLAN QUESTION.

2. USUALLY WELL-INFORMED OBSERVER HAS INFORMED US
FOLLOWING MPLA CONGRESS THAT THE INTERNAL ANGOLAN SITUATION
HAS SHIFTED SUBSTANTIALLY IN FAVOR OF SOVIETS WITH THEM
AND NOT CUBANS NOW THE DOMINANT POWER IN MOST IF NOT ALL
ANGOLAN MINISTRIES.

3. UPSHOT IS THAT NETO HAS ALMOST NO ROOM TO MANEUVER,
LEADING SOME TO CONCLUSION THAT HE IS NOW VIRTUAL SOVIET
CAPTIVE. MPLA MODERATES ARE OF COURSE GRAVELY CONCERNED
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ABOUT THEIR FUTURE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND SOME
CONSIDER NETO'S POSITION BEYOND REPAIR.

4. COMMENT: FOREGOING DOES NOT TRACK WELL WITH
INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES. VANCE

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